

House File 704 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON REBUILD IOWA
AND DISASTER RECOVERY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 208)

(COMPANION TO SF 290 BY
COMMITTEE ON REBUILD IOWA)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a disaster aid local government assistance grant
2 program and fund.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 29C.20B DISASTER AID LOCAL
1 2 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND.
1 3 1. A disaster aid local government assistance grant fund
1 4 is created in the state treasury under the control of the
1 5 executive council. Moneys in the fund may be expended
1 6 following a governor's proclamation of a disaster emergency.
1 7 The executive council may award grants from the fund to
1 8 governmental subdivisions for disaster-related expenses. The
1 9 aggregate total of grants awarded during a fiscal year shall
1 10 not be more than three million five hundred thousand dollars.
1 11 However, within the same fiscal year, additional moneys may be
1 12 authorized by the executive council pursuant to section
1 13 29C.20, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (6), or as
1 14 otherwise provided by law to meet additional needs of
1 15 governmental subdivisions receiving grants under this section.
1 16 Grants awarded under this section shall be administered by the
1 17 homeland security and emergency management division of the
1 18 department of public defense.
1 19 2. The amount of a grant shall be made at the discretion
1 20 of the executive council and, if made, shall not exceed
1 21 seventy-five percent of the documented disaster-related
1 22 expenses incurred by a governmental subdivision. An applicant
1 23 for a grant shall sign an affidavit agreeing to refund any
1 24 part of the grant that is duplicated by any other assistance,
1 25 such as but not limited to insurance or assistance from the
1 26 federal emergency management agency.
1 27 3. The homeland security and emergency management division
1 28 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to create the Iowa
1 29 disaster aid local government assistance grant program for
1 30 purposes of awarding and administering grants from the
1 31 disaster aid local government assistance grant fund. The
1 32 rules shall specify the eligibility of applicants and projects
1 33 eligible for funding. The rules shall be based on the public
1 34 assistance program created within the federal Robert T.
1 35 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Pub. L.
2 1 No. 93=288, as amended.
2 2 4. The executive council shall authorize moneys in the
2 3 disaster aid local government assistance grant fund to be used
2 4 to reimburse the homeland security and emergency management
2 5 division for actual expenses associated with the
2 6 administration of the grants.
2 7 5. The homeland security and emergency management division
2 8 shall submit an annual report, by January 1 of each year, to
2 9 the legislative fiscal committee and the legislative
2 10 government oversight committee concerning the activities of
2 11 the grant program in the previous fiscal year.
2 12 6. For purposes of this section, "governmental
2 13 subdivision" means the same as defined in section 29C.20,
2 14 subsection 6.

EXPLANATION

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2 16 This bill creates a disaster aid local government
2 17 assistance grant fund in the state treasury for use by the
2 18 executive council. The bill provides that the executive
2 19 council may award grants to governmental subdivisions for
2 20 disaster-related expenses. The aggregate total of grants
2 21 awarded from the disaster aid local government assistance
2 22 grant fund during a fiscal year shall not be more than \$3.5
2 23 million. The bill provides that, within the same fiscal year,
2 24 additional moneys may be authorized by the executive council
2 25 from other funds to meet additional needs of governmental
2 26 subdivisions receiving financial assistance from the disaster
2 27 aid local government assistance grant fund. The bill requires
2 28 the homeland security and emergency management division of the
2 29 department of public defense to administer awarded grants.
2 30 The bill provides that the amount of the grant shall be at the
2 31 discretion of the executive council and, if made, shall not
2 32 exceed 75 percent of the documented disaster-related expenses
2 33 incurred by the governmental subdivision. The bill requires
2 34 the homeland security and emergency management division to
2 35 adopt administrative rules specifying the eligibility of
3 1 applicants and projects eligible for funding. The bill
3 2 requires the executive council to authorize moneys in the
3 3 disaster aid local government assistance grant fund to be used
3 4 to reimburse the homeland security and emergency management
3 5 division for actual expenses associated with the
3 6 administration of the grants. The bill includes annual
3 7 reporting requirements.
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